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WASHINGTON, DC - U.S. Congressman Mike Pence gave the following statement on the floor of the House during consideration of [H.R. 2194](#), the Iran Refined Petroleum Sanctions Act, which would amend the Iran Sanctions Act of 1996 to provide additional tools this Administration should use to pressure Iran:

"I rise in support of H.R. 2194, the Iran Refined Petroleum Sanctions Act, and I commend the chairman and ranking member of the House Foreign Affairs Committee for their leadership in bringing this legislation to the floor.

"In June of this year, it was a great privilege for me to partner with Chairman Berman in bringing a bipartisan resolution to the floor of the House that expressed the American people's solidarity with dissidents in Iran and condemned the violence taking place there. That resolution was met with overwhelming support. So should this Iran sanctions legislation.

"Iran has deceived the world community time and again, and their support for terrorism and pursuit of weapons of mass destruction have long threatened global peace and security. It is time to impose meaningful sanctions on the Iranian government, and send a strong signal that these dangerous acts will not stand.

"President Obama promised during his campaign that he would extend an open hand to Iran and has expended precious time and resources towards that goal. However, the international community and this country have talked long enough about Iran's nuclear ambitions; it is time for deeds.

"I urge my colleagues to come together in a bipartisan way to support this important legislation, and I yield back."

Background:

[**H.R. 2194**](#) , the Iran Refined Petroleum Sanctions Act takes practical steps against Iran's ability to refine petroleum products. Although Iran is an oil producing nation, it lacks the capacity to refine petroleum for its own domestic use. These sanctions target companies investing in Iran's petroleum sector, and companies or entities which provide Iran with technologies necessary to improve their own oil refining capabilities.